



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/658,930 Confirmation No. 3116  
Applicant : Valentin G. Barba  
Filed : September 9, 2003  
Art Unit : 3641  
Examiner : Ricardo J. Palabrica  
Docket No. : SMITHS/18DIV  
Customer No. : 39550

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 4, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.